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SUBJECT: VIP VISIT BY SYRIAN CUSTOMS OFFICIAL

REF: A) STATE 38487 B) LETTER DATED 4/15/76 FROM COMMISSIONER
ACREE TO SYRIAN CUSTOMS CHIEF SHAHRANI

1. REF B WAS INVITATION BY US COMMISSIONER OF CUSTOMS
VERNON D. ACREE TO ANIS SHAHRANI TO PARTICIPATE IN US CUSTOMS
SENIOR-LEVEL OBSERVATION PROGRAM. INVITATION WAS TRANSMITTED
TO SHAHRANI THROUGH FOREIGN MINISTRY CHANNELS. DUE TO
PRESSING BUSINESS THROUGH SUMMER OF 1976 AND LATER CHANGE
OF PRIME MINISTER IN SYRIA WHO VETOED SHAHRANI'S TRAVEL AT
THAT TIME, INVITATION HAS BEEN UNANSWERED.

2. RECENTLY, EMBASSY NARCOTIC COORDINATOR SPOKE
WIOIAHRANI ON OTHER MATTER. DURING COURSE OF CON-
VERSATION, SHAHRANI MENTIONED PREVIOUS PROBLEMS IN
PROVIDING AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE TO COMMISSIONER ACREE'S
INVITATION. SOME TIME NOW HAS PASSED SINCE PRIME
MINISTER NIXED SHAHRANI'S AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE
AND HE NOW FEELS THAT HE CAN MAKE ANOTHER APPROACH
TO PRIME MINISTER IF EMBASSY WOULD AGAIN RAISE ISSUE
THROUGH DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

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3. BEFORE DOING SO, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE CUSTOMS'S
CONFIRMATION THAT INVITATION IS STILL VALID AND THAT
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COTS WOULD BE PAID BY USG, AS PER
REF A.

4. SHAHRANI HAS BEEN APPROACHABLE AND VERY COOPERATIVE
WITH EMBASSY ON NARCOTIC AND OTHER MATTERS OF MUTUAL

INTEREST. IN VIEW OF SITUATION IN LEBANON WITH NON-
OPERATION OF LEBANESE ANTI-NARCOTIC EFFORT AND
OUR PATIENT EFFORTS TO FOSTER SUCH COOPERATION WITH
SYRIANS, EMBASSY HOPES FOR EARLY FAVORABLE
RESPONSE.
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